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We promised we wouldn't reveal the identities of the leaders of NY Bite Club.

Down-low dining

Inside an underground supper club

By Sarah Zorn
for The Brooklyn Paper

The first rule of NY Bite Club is that you don't talk about NY Bite Club. So much for the first rule. Husband and wife team Daniel and Alicia (last names withheld, as per the second rule), have been operating underground, members-only dinner parties out of their private, Brooklyn brownstone (undisclosed location — third rule), and various under-the-radar Manhattan residences for the past six years. “We maintain day jobs and always will — if Bite Club was



It's no secret this Pozole dish was delicious.

a full-time venture with employees and leases and obligations, it would kill our enjoyment of it,” Daniel said. “This project was born out of our love for cooking, meeting new

people, and creating a relaxed, homey environment. It's hardly a money-making venture.” Not that it couldn't be — the clandestine nature of the covert supper club plays perfectly into current foodie trends of speak-easies, subterranean cocktail lounges, and unmarked restaurants, not to mention plucky, do-it-yourself ventures that gleefully cut out the middle man (or in this case, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which disallows such establishments under the health code).

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LANE RE-CYCLED

City brings Plaza Street West bike path back to life

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

A proposed cycling path that veered off-course amid the controversy surrounding the Prospect Park West bike lane is rolling again.

A two-way bike route on Plaza Street West is back on the drawing board months after the city scuttled plans for the path, renewing cyclists' hopes for a safe lane that will one day ferry two-wheelers to and from the protected park-side bike viaduct.

The Department of Transportation will unveil plans on April 19 to bolster Plaza Street West's current one-way bike route by adding a north-bound lane — two



Photo by Stefano Giovannini
Cycling advocate Eric McClure is happy the city will build a two-way lane on Plaza Street West that connects to this path.



The battle for Brooklyn's byways

years after the agency first announced plans for a two-way cycling route on the curving street as part of a renovation of Grand Army Plaza.

But when the Prospect Park West bike lane became the subject of a lawsuit and loud opposition, particularly from a well-connected group of neighbors, the city quietly tabled the Plaza Street West lane, citing “the

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Photo by Steve Solomonsen
Ruby's Bar owner Michael Sarrel is renovating with wood from the Coney Island Boardwalk.

Planks again

Bar gets Boardwalk makeover

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

Coney Island's oldest watering hole is in the middle of a brand planking new makeover.

The owner of Ruby's Bar is using discarded Boardwalk wood to spruce up the Great Depression-era dive's honky-tonk interior — ensuring that the beach-front saloon will retain some of its old-school charm when its glitzy

renovation is completed.

Michael Sarrel, who owns the beloved 78-year-old beer-and-burger joint on the Boardwalk near Stillwell Avenue, said he hopes the addition of the planks, which are slowly being removed from the Boardwalk as the Parks Department begins replacing sections of the famed esplanade with concrete and plastic boards, will make longtime Coney Island beachgo-

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Photo by Stefano Giovannini
Newly married gay couples have some tricky tax glitches to overcome this season — but accountant Giacomo Campinoti will come to the rescue.

Same sex — but different tax

Slope accountant is the go-to-guy for gay couples in historic tax season

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Meet the “gay tax” man. A Park Slope number cruncher is making sure marriage remains bliss for Brooklyn's gay newlyweds by curing tax season headaches caused by conflicting

federal laws and recently altered state laws.

Accountant Giacomo Campinoti specializes in helping same-sex spouses cope with Uncle Sam's head-spinning new rules, which require same-sex couples to submit both joint and sepa-

rate tax returns.

“It's not easy — but I can help,” he said.

In Brooklyn, where gay marriage is legal, hitched gay couples must prepare multiple sets of tax returns — including a so-called “dummy” return — because federal law

defines marriage as solely between a man and a woman.

The federal stuff gets even more complicated when you add factors such as spousal health insurance policies, favorable head-of-household rates, and child tax credit.

While gay lovebirds are

still cheering the New York state gay marriage legisla-

tion that passed last July as a civil rights victory, many admit it has sparked serious tax conundrums.

“There are so many questions and so many ‘what ifs,’” said Annette Fisher, who

married her partner at Borough Hall.

Fisher said she chose not to file joint taxes this year because the pay-off wasn't worth the effort.

But that's where Campinoti comes in. The accountant

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NIGHT RIDER

Red Hook cyclist will make your bike glow in the dark for safety

By Kate Briquetelet
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn's streets would be safer if all of the cyclists looked like extras from “Tron.”

That's the vision of Anthony Clune, a Red Hook bike rider and designer who has created a reflective armor that transforms two-wheelers into glowing neon rides.

Bikes decked out in the decals re-

semble futuristic vehicles ripped from science fiction movies — and they're certainly more visible to motorists.

“This will keep your brain inside your skull where it belongs,” said Clune, 31, who goes by the name Tonky. “It would be a dream come true if I could prevent an accident.”

Called RydeSafe, Tonky's diamond-shaped stickers are made from

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Photo courtesy of Anthony “Tonky” Clune
Bicyclist Anthony “Tonky” Clune came up with the idea of reflective bikes after he was hit by a car.

Food cart fracas

Dispute in Ridge ends with injury

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

A scrape over a Bay Ridge sidewalk escalated into an all-out war last Saturday, when a controversial halal cart mowed down a Fifth Avenue bar owner during a fight over a coveted corner spot, witnesses claim.

Sammy Kassen, manager of the Middle Eastern Halal Cart, was trying to reclaim his food wagon's location at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 86th Street on March 24.

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CNG / Will Bredderman
Manager Sammy Kassen says he didn't run down a critic with his cart.



Eating local

Foodie and forager Leda Meredith will lead an edible tour of Prospect Park that will culminate with a meal at the Farm on Adderley on April 15. For more on the foraging phenomenon, see **GO Brooklyn** on page 7.

Stage fright!

Northside Williamsburg fears new outdoor concert noise

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

A summer concert series that sparked noise complaints on the Williamsburg waterfront has found a new location — but neighbors of the venue fear sound from the popular outdoor shows will rock their Northside homes.

The parks advocacy group, Open Space Alliance, released a preliminary design last week revealing how it will turn an asphalt lot on Kent Avenue between N. 11th and N. 12th streets into a concert venue — the shows' third location change in the past four years.

But some live music critics say moving the concerts three blocks from their previous home in East River State Park won't address any of the neighborhood's complaints



Photo by Stefano Giovannini
TOO LOUD: Dog handler Melissa Banks, of Eva's Play Pups, is worried that a new concert venue a block from her kennel could disturb her pooches.

about unruly fans, noisy sound checks, and blaring speakers after the music series moved out of the McCarren Park pool.

And they're already covering their ears because renderings show the stage at the new venue will point inland rather than toward the West River, like it did in the state park last year.

“After all of the problems of offending the neighborhood with noise and crowds in the past few years, they move it just a few blocks north and face the stage at new neighbors — brilliant!” said Williamsburg resident Robin Haggert. “I love the idea of concerts on the waterfront, but I'm just blown away at how mindless they are about the problems they encountered before.”

The new location is on a city lot slated to become a part of the long-planned Bushwick Inlet Park, and Open Space Alliance director Stephanie Thayer says the more industrial setting should be easier on Northside residents than East River State Park, which is flanked by new condos.

“We have moved our venue

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The trouble with bubbles

Some say plan to pump air into Creek just stinks

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The city wants to blow bubbles into Newtown Creek in an effort to clean the polluted waterway, but activists fear the plan will disperse sewage and foul fumes into the air.

Department of Environmental Protection officials are trying to install a new \$115-million aeration system that will pump oxygen into the Greenpoint sludge-way so the creek can meet state and federal water qual-

ity standards.

But neighbors and environmental advocates say the plan is only a band-aid solution designed to please bureaucratic bean counters rather than solve the Newtown Creek's problems, which include an antiquated sewer system that floods the canal with raw sewage during heavy rains and 150 years of toxic chemical leaks that are so severe the viaduct needs a federal cleanup.

Worse, they fear the air

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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG



The deep-fried anchovies served up by Neill and Renae Holland of Bon Chovie at Smorgasburg still can't be paired with a cold beer.

Dry county

Waterside food fest still without liquor license

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The Brooklyn Flea's food festival won a major victory in its quest to serve booze outdoors on the Williamsburg waterfront, but it's triumphant return this weekend will be a dry one.

Smorgasburg — which will open again beside the N. Sixth Street pier on Saturday — found allies at Community Board 1's liquor license committee weeks after the same panel voted against its alcohol bid over concerns the food festival would attract intoxicated revelers.

Brooklyn Flea co-founder Eric Demby managed to win over critics by bringing the board 10 pages of signatures from nearby residents who approve the plan to pair locally made foods with locally made brews and liquors.

"We're excited to provide a platform for Brooklyn's growing community of top notch beer, wine, and spirits producers, and think it'll be a perfect match for Smorgasburg's food vendors," said Demby. "We worked hard to get to this point, and we continue to do everything we can to be a good neighbor."

If CB1's full board signs off on the seasonal liquor license on April 17, Smorgasburg will likely start serving booze inside a cordoned-off pen in the center of the festival in several weeks.

The grub gala will be dry this weekend, but Smorgasburg planners say the event will boast plenty of new mouth-watering goodies that should whet the appetites of Brooklyn foodies.

New vendors will be hawking giant Bolivian empanadas, homemade flavored soy milks, mozzarella balls deep-fried in polenta, fried fish sandwiches, lentil pancakes, and goat milk ice creams, in addition to the beloved array of prepared sweets, beverages and grilled meats that made the fair a major neighborhood attraction last summer.

And if the booze plan goes through, there are several more surprises in store later this year — including a top-secret food and alcohol-pairing project from the carnivorous geniuses at The Meat Hook, who cheered Tuesday's decision.

"I think it's great," said The Meat Hook's Harry Rosenblum. "It shows that the community supported it and the board listened."

A scaled down winter version of the Smorgasburg spent Sundays during the cold months selling local grub from inside the nearby Brooklyn Brewery, where beer is readily available.

PARK SLOPE

Condo with extra eco points

New building to be powered solely by sun, wind

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

A first-of-its-kind condo powered entirely by the sun and the wind will rise in Park Slope — and even preservationists say the hood is the perfect spot for the eco-friendly plan.

Green-minded architects

will build a self-heating, four-story condo complete with a ground-floor bar, lounge, and restaurant on Fifth Avenue and Fifth Street this summer.

The sleek modern residence will feature a roof-top solar panel and wind turbine above its rentable units.

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GREENPOINT

A break of the Union?

City seeks to remove street in McCarren Park

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Union Avenue will no longer divide two sections of McCarren Park under a city proposal that could turn a part of the Greenpoint roadway into parkland this summer.

The plan calls for demapping a stretch of the thoroughfare between Driggs Avenue and Bayard Street, barring automobile traffic from a short block inside North Brooklyn's biggest green space.

Proponents of the plan say converting the street into 33,800 square feet of open space — enough room to fit about seven basketball courts — will make McCarren Park more inviting for visitors.

"It could be used to expand adjacent park uses, add park furniture, increase landscaped areas, and provide additional open space for the residents of the rapidly developing neighborhood," said North Brooklyn Parks honcho Stephanie Thayer, in testimony to the Community Board 1 transportation committee.

DOWNTOWN

This station is G-ross

Hoyt-Schermerhorn's peeling ceiling is latest problem for the 'Brooklyn Local'

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

G train riders already feel like the rug is getting pulled out from under them — now they feel like the ceiling is coming down on top of them as well.

Water damage is causing paint to flake and a funky liquid to drip on straphangers at the Hoyt-Schermerhorn Street station, grossing out commuters who live in fear that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will soon ax a beloved five-stop extension of the line that links North and Brownstone Brooklyn.

Dilapidated ceilings — marked by calcified grime, badly peeling paint, and rusted pillars — give the station's two center platforms a



The city wants to remove this one-block stretch of Union Avenue next to McCarren Park from city maps, banning traffic and turning it into parkland.

horror-movie aesthetic, straphangers say.

Thayer is seeking community input for design features in the new park space, which she hopes will be rezoned this summer.

Under the plan, workers will install catch basins to capture excess storm water before it enters sewers on Driggs and Union Avenues, potentially reducing standing water on the asphalt site.

The proposal also calls for new planting beds with lush perennials and low shrubs — not to mention improved loading zones for the farmers market vendors who currently set up shop along the strip.

The Parks Department hopes to keep the Saturday morning farmers market on Union Avenue in the near future, but neighborhood sources say the Department of Transportation and greenmarket officials could move the popular outdoor food stands to a stretch of Bedford Avenue between Lorimer Street and Manhattan Avenue, creating another pedestrian plaza there.

Community Board 1 member Ryan Kuonen said the plan makes perfect sense.

"It's silly to have McCarren Park separated by a street that's non-essential," said Kuonen. "How many people drive south on Driggs and turn left onto Union? Not many."

But Williamsburg resident Meredith Chesney, who lives nearby, says the street is a crucial viaduct for traffic.

"That block is a popular corridor down Union to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway or get onto Roebling to get to the bridge," said Chesney. "Can we afford to have big trucks forced to stay on Driggs until they can turn onto small side streets to get back towards the direction they want to go?"

outer two aren't in use, which is part of the reason film crews often shoot there.

The stop played a big part in the movie "Coming to America" and Michael Jackson's video "Bad," but commuters shouldn't expect a Hollywood-style makeover soon.

An MTA spokesman said the station will get a fresh coat of paint by 2015, but didn't respond to specific questions about the ceiling.

Train advocates — who are fighting to save added G train stops in Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope from elimination — had plenty to say.

"G train riders have a lot to complain about," said Russianoff.

The MTA added service to the only train that never suffers the injustice of entering Manhattan after it began a \$257.5 million renovation of the Culver Viaduct. When work wraps up next winter, the agency is no longer obligated to keep running G trains to the five extra stations.



Water damage has caused icky liquid to drip on straphangers at the Hoyt-Schermerhorn station.

horror-movie aesthetic, straphangers say.

"It has a grungy, dingy, and generally cryptic feeling," said Gene Russianoff of the transit-advocacy group

Straphangers Campaign.

The well-used station is a major transfer point that links the so-called Brooklyn Local to the A and C trains. The station has six tracks, but the



A planned wind-and-solar-powered condo in Park Slope will have the same look as this one in Carroll Gardens.

flashy modern edifices have no place on historic streets.

But Fifth Avenue isn't held to the same standards, said landmark district-boosting resident Peter Bray.

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BROOKLYN BOUND: NCAA champ Kentucky is headlining the inaugural Barclays Center Classic this fall — and that’s not the arena’s only huge get.

Barclays battles MSG

Brooklyn’s new arena snags big gigs from Meh-hattan

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

The soon-to-open Barclays Center snagged the Golden Gloves amateur boxing finals from Madison Square Garden, dealing its world-famous rival in Manhattan a big blow in the budding rivalry between the two high-profile arenas.

The nation’s best young boxers will slug it out at the \$1-billion arena on Flatbush and Atlantic avenues next year instead of at the aging but recently-rehabbed Manhattan venue — marking the first time in the contest’s 86-year history that fighters won’t take their corners in the squared circle at Madison Square Garden, officials at Barclays announced on Tuesday.

“We are excited to host such a New York institution,” said Barclays Center CEO Brett Yorlmark. “There’s such a rich heritage of boxing in Brooklyn, and we are thrilled to make the sport a major part of our new arena.”



KNOCKOUT: The Barclays Center snagged the Golden Gloves amateur boxing finals from Madison Square Garden.

Poaching the celebrated boxing championship from Madison Square Garden is only the latest big coup for the 19,000-seat Barclays Center, which is the centerpiece of developer Bruce Ratner’s contentious Atlantic Yards megaproject.

The future home of the Brooklyn Nets also snatched up:

- The Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, a popular college basketball tournament that’s been played at Madison Square Garden since 1998.
- A concert by opera star Andrea Bocelli, who spurned the city for the Barclays Center.
- The New York Masters, the area’s first horse-jumping contest since the National Horse Show left MSG in 2000.

The Barclays Center will host other top-notch basketball tournaments including the Atlantic 10’s conference championship and the Legends Classic, pulling them away from re-

gional arenas like the Prudential Center, Izod Center, and Boardwalk Hall, all in New Jersey.

Pugilists, equestrians, and basketball fans crowded that the Barclays Center is already outshining its competition, though it has yet to open.

“MSG still considers itself the mecca of boxing but the Barclays Center could light a fire under the Garden,” said Bruce Silverglade, the owner of Gleason’s Gym, the legendary DUMBO workout space. “It’s going to be terrific for Brooklyn.”

Rap mogul Jay-Z will christen the Barclays Center with concerts starting on Sept. 28. In addition to music and pro hoops, the arena will also host the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, Disney on Ice, a pre-season hockey game between the New York Islanders and New Jersey Devils, and a college basketball match-up between Maryland and reigning champs Kentucky.

The Nets will begin regular-season play at the Barclays Center in November.

Coming attractions

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

The Barclays Center has already stolen major gigs away from Madison Square Garden, but the Manhattan venue still boasts a number of offerings — from sports to rodeos — that could be ripe for the taking:

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show
Dog-loving Brownstone Brooklyn could be a great home for the 136-year-old poochfest, especially considering that the Brooklyn Mutt Show is already a big hit.

The Professional Bull Riders Invitational
A bull-riding contest might seem out of place in Brooklyn, but with all its ups and downs it could be a perfect fit for an arena that’s a part of the controversial \$5-billion Atlantic Yards project.

The Public School Athletic League basketball championships
Brooklyn-born greats like former Lincoln High School star Stephon Marbury would have home field advantage if city school finals moved to the borough.

American Cup
The world’s best gymnastics tournament doesn’t necessarily need to be held in the world’s most famous arena — and who says Madison Square Garden will keep that title for long, anyway?



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NO SHOW

July 4 fireworks won't be seen in Brooklyn, again

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

The skies over the East River will be dark yet again on July 4 when the city's biggest Independence Day fireworks spectacular soars over the Hudson River for the fourth straight year — and Kings County politicians are smoking mad about it.

Elected officials and neighborhood leaders from Brooklyn's booming waterfront communities denounced the snub on Monday, arguing that the faraway fireworks show is only fun for people who live in Manhattan or New Jersey.

"The New York City fireworks show should be city-wide," said State Sen. Daniel Squadron (D–Brooklyn Heights). "Right now, New Jersey gets to enjoy the fireworks while Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx are left out of the party. That is simply unacceptable."

Brooklynites can't fathom why a borough with a boom-



File photo by Tom Callan

July 4 won't look anything like this, thanks to plans that call for shooting off fireworks from the Hudson River for the fourth straight year.

ing waterfront that could boast perfect views of rockets red glare from Red Hook to Greenpoint — not to mention acres of new parkland ideal for fireworks-gazing at Brooklyn Bridge Park —

keeps seeing its July 4 dreams go up in smoke.

"It is long overdue that the Fourth of July fireworks return home to the Brooklyn Bridge — an iconic setting that typifies the spirit of July 4 and represents the unity of [the city]," said Doreen Gallow, the executive director of the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance.

Macy's, the New York City-based department store that sponsors the July 4 tradition, moved the light show to the Hudson River in 2009 to commemorate Henry Hudson's exploration of the eponymous waterway 400 years ago.


The current location isn't set in stone, according to Macy's spokesman Orlando Veras.

"Exclusively limiting the show to any particular area would greatly hinder the creative freedom that has made it the nation's best and largest Independence Day display," said Veras.

At least this year, Brooklynites won't have a chance to see bombs bursting in air over the West River — and that's a letdown for borough residents lucky enough to have rooftop access.

"It doesn't make sense that New York City has a fireworks show that you can see in New Jersey," said Rachel Leibman, a Williamsburg resident.

"I had a party last year on my roof — and it just wasn't the same without the fireworks."



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Democracy in action

Brooklynites vote to stop Prospect Park puddle

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Cyclists and runners will score a flood-proof new roadway in Prospect Park thanks to a revolutionary, American Idol-style experiment in civics.

The city will repair a puddle-ridden portion of the park's beloved loop after two lawmakers hatched a plan to let Brooklynites vote on how to spend \$2 million in public cash.

The big winner is a \$205,000 project intended to fix a shoddy drainage system on Park Drive near Park Circle, where a rainstorm-induced mini-lake often forms — obstructing a roadway used by runners, cyclists, rollerbladers, and, at times, cars.

Cash will also go to repairing drains next to a walking path that borders Long Meadow near Grand Army



Courtesy of Anne-Katrin Titze

This puddle on Prospect Park's popular roadway will no longer exist thanks to popular vote.

Plaza that's popular among dogs, dog owners, and stroller pushers.

The revamp also includes adding ten trash cans near Long Meadow, repaving the pedestrian path, and reconstructing the lawn adjacent to it.

Roughly 2,200 people voted on the so-called "Participatory Budget" put forward by Councilmembers Brad Lander (D–Park Slope) and Jumaane Williams (D–Flatbush) last weekend.

"It's what local government is all about; it's democracy at

Technology on the move

Will web companies leave DUMBO for Downtown?

By Kate Briquet
The Brooklyn Paper

Everyone in the tech industry wants to be in DUMBO, but there's an elephant in the room — the neighborhood is full, and the nearby alternative just isn't as cool.

Brooklyn's own Silicon Valley has become so hot that there's now only a 2 percent vacancy rate for office space in the neighborhood, leaving city planners scrambling to make Downtown more appealing to the borough's burgeoning creative set.

"This is the tightest it's been in commercial DUMBO since the 1950s," said real estate broker and expert Chris Havens. "Where else can these creative tenants go?"

Borough boosters say Downtown should become the next digital boom town, but techies say the nabe just doesn't have the same vibe as DUMBO — which is so synonymous with the web that it became the first neighborhood in the city to offer community-wide free Wi-Fi last year.

And it's not just easy internet access that's the problem.

"Downtown is sort of lacking in culture, and that's a big part of modern day tech companies," said Andrew Zolty, creative di-



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

DUMBO's tech sector is so hot that there's hardly any real estate left for techies (from left) Freddie Pikovsky, Eduardo Garcia, Rachel Higgins, Simon Endres, Jeff Kurtzman, and Michael Geer.

rector at the DUMBO digital firm Breakfast. "It goes well beyond the companies themselves. Are there the right bars and restaurants? I don't know if I could picture of us there."

The DUMBO Improvement District, Brooklyn Navy Yard, and Downtown Brooklyn Partnership have joined forces to launch a task force seeking ways to nurture the borough's tech sector, both inside DUMBO and beyond. That includes mak-

ing Downtown more palatable for startups by improving streetscapes, creating a shuttle-bus system between the startup neighborhoods, and providing attractive commercial space.

No matter the number of MacBook-toting students heading to class in Metrotech, Downtown is at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to tech — but that doesn't mean the neighborhood can't become an internet hub in its own right, according to Downtown Brooklyn Partnership president Tucker Reed.

"You can't complete with the cobble streets and views of the river," said Reed. "But the trickle up the hill is bound to happen."

Some web world experts, including CEO of the travel media company Off Track Planet and founder of the DUMBO Startup Lab Freddie Pikovsky, say Downtown could thrive as a satellite incubator while firms wait for space to free up in DUMBO's old factories.

That's the pattern followed by tech darling Etsy, which launched on Gold Street in Downtown and moved to DUMBO after establishing itself as an Ebay for twee people.

"We're in a place that's conducive to being creative and producing innovative stuff," said Pikovsky, who launched his shared workspace on Jay Street in DUMBO last year and is moving into a bigger space to accommodate a waiting list of artists and innovators. "Instead of turning people away, we had to find a way to get more space."

DUMBO might have more appeal, but Downtown does have one thing that all companies want: cheaper rent.

"If we can take advantage of any untapped real estate reserves, there's more of a chance of that happening in Downtown Brooklyn than any other neighborhood in New York," said Small Planet CEO Gavin Fraser. "But it will definitely be a challenge."

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WOOD...

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ers feel right at home.

"We want to make sure that we keep all of our loyal customers," Sarrel said. "Using the Boardwalk wood was the perfect way to do that."

Sarrel is spending \$10,000 to rebuild Ruby's bar with wood from the walkway. The taproom's wainscoting, bathroom and parts of its ceiling will also feature pieces of repurposed timber from the iconic Boardwalk, which opened in 1923.

Sarrel said he got the wood for free from the Parks Department, which ripped up sections of the Boardwalk as part of its \$30-million renovation of the aging, 2.3-mile span, which stretches from Brighton Beach to Sea Gate.

Bringing the Boardwalk to Ruby's is just one phase of an expensive face-lift that Sarrel said is costing him more than \$100,000 — but the bar would likely have been torn down altogether had it not been for a last-second agreement to keep it intact.

Ruby's was one of the so-called "Boardwalk Eight" — longtime Coney businesses that fought to stay alive after Central Amusement International was given control of their leases by the city in 2009 with a mandate to transform the People's Playground

into an upscale, year-round tourist destination full of hotels, restaurants and new attractions.

In 2010, a court ordered Central Amusement to let seven of the businesses remain open for one more season, after the amusement giant tried to replace them with fancier shops.

Last year, Ruby's and Paul's Daughter signed deals to stay on the Boardwalk, provided they get costly makeovers. But the rest of the shops — including Cha-Cha's Bar and Beer Island — were forced to close.

Sarrel said Ruby's will feature new floors, lighting, and bathrooms in addition to the decorative strips of Boardwalk lumber.

Boardwalk lovers cheered Ruby's decision to preserve a piece of the promenade. "It keeps a historic part of Coney Island alive," said Todd Dobrin, the president of Friends of the Boardwalk.

Last month a city panel approved the Parks Department's plan to replace a section of the Boardwalk in Brighton Beach with concrete and recycled plastic lumber — angering residents who fear the project will pave the way for the city to turn the rest of the walkway into an ordinary sidewalk.



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Park to table

Foragers teach Brooklynites how to live off of the land

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

Some people are treating Brooklyn's backyard like it's the borough's vegetable garden. Intrepid foodies are foraging for greens in Prospect Park, and they say it's more sustainable, more affordable, and more enjoyable than shopping at the farmer's market — even though it's against park rules. "Free food is good!" said Leda Meredith, a foraging pro who will bring a band of gatherers to the green space on April 15 before a four-course meal inspired by foraged fare at the Farm on Adderly in Ditmas Park. "You get to interact with the natural landscape in a way that helps the environment — and there is this great treasure hunt aspect to it," said Meredith, who's been leading tours of Prospect Park for more than a decade. And now's the time to do it: Prospect Park edibles are sprouting early this year, due to the second warmest New York City winter on record. Wild greens, edible flowers, wild garlic, and early mushrooms are just a few of the goodies popping up in the borough's biggest park — and Meredith says the season's bounty is one of the best in years. "It is phenomenal right now because



Eating local: Foraging extraordinaire Leda Meredith samples a redbud tree in Prospect Park.

FORAGING

"Forage and Dine" foraging tour in Prospect Park and dinner at the Farm on Adderly [1108 Cortelyou Rd. between East 11th Street and Westminister Road in Ditmas Park, (718) 287-3101] April 15, \$80. Tour begins at 1 pm, dinner at 8 pm. For info, email thefarmonadderlyevents@gmail.com.

FORAGING DOS AND DON'TS

Foraging in Prospect Park can be nutritious, delicious, and a little bit illegal — but tickets from park rangers aren't the only thing locavores should fear. Poisonous and toxic plants abound in the park. This is by no means a comprehensive guide (please consult with a health expert!), but here are three things foragers say are safe to eat in the park — and three things that aren't:

SAFE

Dandelion: A plant for resourceful times, dandelion has greens, flowers, and roots that are all good to eat. And you can make wine from them!

Garlic Mustard Greens: The greens are delicious — and invasive — so you can get your dinner and feel like you're doing a good thing by harvesting them, too.

Burdock Root: Yes, you can get burdock (pictured left), also known as gobo, at the farmer's market — but why deal with the cost when you can pull up the root all over Prospect Park yourself?



NOT SAFE

Poison Hemlock: It looks like fennel and has a similar licorice-like aroma, but hemlock is not a plant to ingest. Socrates famously drank a cup of

tea made from the stuff after being condemned to death in 399 BC.

Pokeweed: Various parts of the invasive plant can be consumed if prepared



properly at the right time of the year, but for the most part the plant, its berries, and its roots are toxic.

Poisonous nightshade: Despite the fact its

part of the same plant family that includes potatoes, eggplants and chili peppers, poisonous nightshade is toxic and can be deadly. Don't be fooled by the berries! (pictured right)

of the warm winter," she said. "There's a double abundance of things out there as well as plants you wouldn't normally see for another month." The people behind the Farm on Adderly say the move toward foraging is just the natural extension of dominant trends in the foodie movement, from organic fare to locavore cooking. "People are realizing how much better food is when it comes from nearby and it doesn't have to travel at all," said the locavore lounge's events coordinator Stephen Sheffer, whose restaurant does not plan to serve food foraged from Prospect Park at the meal. "Plus, that's at the crux of the philosophy of the restaurant." Foraging is forbidden under parks rules, which stipulate that plants and flowers cannot be removed from green spaces, a Parks Department spokeswoman said. But foragers insist they are helping the environment and doing the work of Parks employees for free by clearing the park of invasive plants and weeds that just happen to be edible — and tasty. "If I'm digging up burdock root you could say I'm damaging park property, but on the other hand, the Parks Department brings in people to come in and weed out things like burdock because it's invasive," said Meredith. "But you do have to be sure that you're harvesting in a way that doesn't disturb the environment."

MUSIC

Annie, okay?

Little Orphan Annie's grown-up fans will be flocking to the Bell House on April 19 for a showing of the 1982 movie musical complete with themed cocktails, drinking games, contests, sing-alongs, and Rocky Horror Picture Show-style audience participation.



The event is the brainchild of Jerm Pollett, who's been running sing-along viewings of children's movies at the Bell House for the past year, among them "The Lion King," "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," and "The Wizard of Oz." Pollett picked the John Huston-directed film because of its associations with his own childhood and with the culture of pre-teen girls that grew up while the flick was in theaters. "Annie" just seemed like just a natural," Pollett said. "It's also a movie that girls in the '80s would watch at slumber parties. I'm hoping that we might be able to recreate some of that slumber party magic."

The Annie Sing-Along at the Bell House [149 Seventh Street between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus; (718) 643-6510] on April 19, 7:30 pm. \$10 for advanced tickets, \$12 for day of show. For tickets, go to www.ticketweb.com.

— Will Bredderman

THEATER

Hats off!

Brooklyn is about to be bowlered over. Magicians Trey Lyford and Geoff Sobelle are heading to Kingsborough Community College on April 21 to perform their hit show "All Wear Bowlers" for the first time since 2007 — a gravity-defying display that could actually put the two men in traction.

"We have to try not to hurt ourselves — it's a pretty physical show," said Lyford, co-creator of and a performer in the show. "It'll be the same show though, except we're a bit more bald than last time."



The show revolves around the antics of two vaudevillian silent movie characters who, are transported into a strange, alternate dimension where gravity forgets which direction is down and reality can't make up its mind.

"It's a magical show. We create surreal moments on stage where the impossible happens, and moments of surprise, where gravity stops behaving the way it should," said Lyford.

"All Wear Bowlers" at Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. near Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000] on April 21, 8 pm. Tickets are \$25.

— Colin Mixson

TRAVEL

Tiny trips

Who says you gotta leave Brooklyn to travel around the world?

An innovative travel expo is showcasing dozens of culturally-rich and little-known Brooklyn "stay-cation" destinations — proving you can find

adventure, relaxation, and world-renowned food without an airplane ticket.

"People used to take road trips — now we can take creative and affordable mini-trips," said expo creator Caylin Sanders.

Dozens of food-and-travel-centric vendors — including rooftop farms, historic soda shops, and hip hotels — will show off Brooklyn-based daytrips and getaway ideas at the Fort Greene event.

The expo will also feature short weekend getaways such as cheese tastings in Vermont, canal tours upstate, and Vineyard trips to Pennsylvania.

Sanders said the expo caters to families, foodies, folks with eco-friendly traveling priorities, and pteromerhanophobics who like to take trips without taking flights.

Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain owner Peter Freeman, who will have a booth at the expo, said Brooklynites just need a little info and inspiration.

"There's so much at your fingers here; sometimes you don't even realize it," he said. "So this is a blueprint."

Local Food & Travel Expo [1 Hanson Pl. at Flatbush Avenue in Fort Greene] April 14 at 12pm. \$13 for adults; Free for kids. Visit www.escapemaker.com.

— Natalie O'Neill

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FRIDAY
April 6



Late for Seder?
Don't pass over this chance to chow down while remembering the sacrifices of your biblical ancestors at the Greenpoint Shul's Passover Seder on Friday night. It may take you three hours and four glasses of wine to find the afikomen, but we're confident it will turn up by Easter Sunday.

6:30 pm. Passover Seder at Greenpoint Shul [108 Noble St. between Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue, Greenpoint (347) 788-1280], April 6. \$42 per person. Visit www.greenpointshul.org.

SATURDAY
April 7

One is the loneliest
Some of the world's best musicians are going solo — and they're not alone. That's the concept behind the "The Alone Together Tour," which features drum, violin, and piano one-man performances from Sarah Neufeld of Arcade Fire, Billy Martin of Medeski Martin & Wood, and Gregory Rogove of Devendra Banhart.

8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], April 7. Tickets \$15.



SUNDAY
April 8



We can do it
Most workin' gals carry Blackberries, not buckets — but this art tour showcases the ever-shifting role of ladies in urban and rural workplace settings. "A Woman's Work is Never Done" juxtaposes female-centric African art with American installations.

4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000] April 8. Free. Visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

MONDAY
April 9

Joust kidding
Good fencing makes good neighbors. Perfect your sword-play so you can reenact your favorite scenes from "The Princess Bride" in fencing camp at the New York Fencing Academy in Coney Island. Classes begin Monday.

Spring fencing camp at the New York Fencing Academy [2896 West 12th St., between Surf Avenue and Neptune Avenue, Coney Island (718) 996-0426]. 10 am–3 pm, Starts on April 9. \$400-\$500. Visit www.nyfencingacademy.com



TUESDAY
April 10



Not to be
William Shakespeare is the most famous playwright of all time — but theater buffs know little about the man behind the pen. "Being Shakespeare," a one-man show, is a peek into the heart and mind of the genius himself, featuring a powerful performance by veteran actor Simon Callow (he's not the guy from "American Idol").

7:30 pm. [30 Lafayette Ave. between Fulton Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. April 10. Tickets, \$25–\$100. Visit www.bam.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, APRIL 6

PET CLINICS: Petland Discounts is hosting a spaying and neutering clinic for dogs and cats. call for pricing. 7 am. ASPCA Mobile Unit [2046 Rockaway Parkway in Canarsie, (631) 273-6363], <https://www.petlanddiscounts.com>.

STORYTIME: Come hear a few stories with a simple craft to go with it. \$2.50. Noon. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

MUSIC, CONCERT: Tangos by Astor Piazzolla. Free. 12:30–1:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5272].

EGG HUNT: Find the decorated eggs and share in lots of goodies. \$15 (Free for registered members). 2–4 pm. Ms. J's Gym [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-7065].

ART, DR. JOHN: Insides Out: An art show featuring the legendary Dr. John in a three-weekend, multi-art residency. \$30-\$75. 8 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

SAVE BALOO: Benefiting the care and treatment of a 2 year old rescue pup Baloo. Circus live music, popcorn and more. \$20 (\$15 for children 12 and under). 8 pm. The Muse [32 S. First Street at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg].

SAT, APRIL 7

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, BRAIN CAVE FESTIVAL: Rock out for two nights of Brooklyn DIY's best and brightest. \$20. 4 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

MUSIC, JAZZ CONCERT: Eugene Marlow's heritage Ensemble performs "Spins and Grooves". Free. 10 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between St. Felix Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am–6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991-7807], www.parkslopfleamarket.com.

OTHER

OPENING DAY: The 2012 season is officially here for the Brookridge Women's Golf Club (since 1955). call for time. Dyker Beach Golf Course [1020 86th St. at Seventh Avenue in Dyker Heights].

EASTER EGG HUNT: Arts, crafts, music, dancing and yummy refreshments after a fun egg hunt. \$5. 10 am. McGolrick Park [Nassau and Russell streets in Greenpoint, (917) 885-8863].

STORY TIME: Stories that Make us Go



The hunt is on: Kids can celebrate Easter in McGolrick Park on Saturday.

features transportation themed selections. For all ages. Free with museum admission. 11 am–2 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

ARTS AND RECREATION: Craft activities and fun nature games. Free. 1–3 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: Give your time and learn how you can give back to the community, from office help to working with children. Free.

3–4 pm. Litchfield Villa [95 Prospect Park W. between Fourth and Fifth Streets in Park Slope], www.prospectpar.org/volunteer.

YOGA: For individuals 18 years and older. Free. 3:45 pm. Greenpoint Public Library [107 Norman Ave. at Leonard Street in Greenpoint, (718) 349-8504], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

CLASSIC COCKTAIL COURSE: Sycamore's Mike Mikos and Wil Petre will host an evening dedicated to the classic gin cocktail — with recipe books to take home. \$45 per person. 5 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park,

CIVIC CALENDAR

WED, APRIL 11

Fraser Civic Association, Monthly meeting; 7:30 pm; Yeshiva Tiferes Yisroel, 1271 E. 35th St. between Avenues K and L; (917) 559-3600.

Community Board 6 Meeting, General board meeting for neighborhoods including Park Slope, Red Hook and Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill; 6:30 pm; Cobble Hill Health Center, 380 Henry St. (718) 643-3027.

THURS, APRIL 12

Kings County South Civic Association, Board meeting. Guest speaker is a representative from DA Charles Hynes office who will discuss senior safety issues. Meet and greet the new commanding officer of the 67th Precinct, Deputy Inspector Kenneth Lehr; 7 pm; St. Therese of Lisieux RC Church, 4410 Ave. D at 44th Street.

MON, APRIL 16

Community Board 10, Monthly meeting; 7:15 pm; Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th St. at 13th Avenue; (718) 745-6827.

Red Hook Waterfront Meeting, To discuss housing, development and waterfront issues in Red Hook; 6:30 pm; Red Hook Initiative, 767 Hicks St; (718) 643-3027.

Community Board 6 Bar and Restaurants Meeting, Food and drink permits and license meeting for neighborhoods including Park Slope, Red Hook and Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill; 6:00 pm; Community Board 6 Building, 250 Baltic St. (718) 643-3027.

Community Board 8, Monthly meeting; 7 pm; Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 727 Classon Ave. at Park Place; (718) 46-5574; www.brooklyn8.org.

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Fetch-a-sketch

Sketchbook library really checks out

There's nothing sketchy about this show.

Williamsburg's Art House Co-op will exhibit more than 20,000 sketchbooks from artists around the globe who scrawled, painted, cut, pasted, and even carved up two million pages over the past year in the first stop of the Sketchbook Project's seventh annual world tour.

The N. Third Street library will house the paper volumes from April 14 through the end of the month — but you'll need to visit the art space for more than once (or enroll in a speed reading class) to absorb everything.



Sketches galore: Art House Co-op's Caitlin Scholl shows a sketchbook by Canadian artist Hugh Langis.

If you treat the sketchbooks like flipbooks and manage to get through one page of art per second, it would take 23 days to finish every single volume in the collection — an infeasible goal, according to the Art House Co-op's Eli Dvorkin.

"It's impossible—it's such a daunting amount of work to process," said Dvorkin, whose favorite sketchbook is usually the one he's finished most recently. "We find books, fall in love, share with the rest of our crew, and constantly find new ones."

Artists can sign up online and receive a blank 32-page paper book made from recycled Oregon pulp that they can fill any way they like. When they're done, they send it back to Williamsburg to be exhibited in the Co-op's library space.

"The footprint for the books is really small but they stand up well," Dvorkin said. "You can flip them in a bag or a pocket and take them with you on your adventures."

The only rule is that the artists must keep the books at the original dimensions of five inches by seven inches, but everything else is fair play. Dvorkin has seen artists cram text into every corner, turn the books into pop-out maps, and even slip pieces of wood, metal, and plastic onto the pages.

"I'm a huge fan of work that finds a way to expand off the page — books that take on sculptural qualities, fold out into giant maps, dozens of feet long," he said.

Last year, more than a thousand sketchbook fans streamed through the library's doors to check out the new books at its opening. An even larger crowd could show up on Saturday before the volumes embark on an international tour that will bring them to Chicago, San Francisco, Portland, Austin, Philadelphia, Vancouver, London, and Melbourne.

2012 Sketchbook Project Tour at the Art House Co-op [103 N. Third St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, Williamsburg (718) 388-7941]. April 14–30. 6–10 pm. Free.

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy

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The rum diary

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Rum makers are popping up in Red Hook faster than you can scream, "Yo-ho-ho!"

In the past three weeks, two small-batch rum distilleries have begun bottling organic sugarcane-based hooch that's tasty enough to make Captain Morgan switch labels.

One distillery belongs to Daric Schlesselman — a Comedy Central editor-turned-booze buff — who crafts his vanilla-noted liquor using fair trade, unprocessed sugar at his Van Brunt Stillhouse.

"It's a lot like cooking: I get the best ingredients then use my palate to steer flavor in the most interesting direction," Schlesselman said.

Schlesselman distills the elixir — dubbed "Due North Rum" (\$35), which is not yet for sale — at a low temperature to create a light-but-full-bodied flavor.

He said he opened the 225-barrel operation in Red Hook because there's enough industrial space to set up shop and the hood has a "pioneering spirit."

Rum makers are rare outside the Caribbean — and there are only a handful in New York — but Schlesselman is not the only one anchoring the trade in Red

Hook: Cacao Prieto bottles chocolate-based rum using organic cacao from the Dominican Republic just four blocks away, proving the liquor has sailed far beyond its days as cheap pirate swill.

A spokesman for Cacao Prieto, Alex Clark, said the neighborhood's zoning rules

actually help up-and-coming neighborhood booze-makers.

"Red Hook's got the zoning — and it's a great spot for creative people," he said.

Van Brunt Stillhouse [6 Bay St. at Ostego Street in Red Hook, (718) 852-6405].

Drink up: Due North Rum — which Daric Schlesselman makes at the Van Brunt Stillhouse — has subtle vanilla notes.

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Thai that shines

Glow illuminates Bay Ridge food scene

By Sarah Zorn
for The Brooklyn Paper

Bay Ridge is all lit up over Glow Thai — a new Southeast Asian eatery that has become a beacon of hope for what seemed like a cursed spot for restaurants. Even though its storefront on Third Avenue and 71st Street has turned over more failed food establishments than tables over the past few years, the six-month-old restaurant’s success is a sign of the neighborhood’s changing tastes—and its willingness to embrace an authentic representation of Thai food that goes well beyond green curry, drunken noodles, spring rolls, and pad thai. “We’re somewhat polarizing, because our emphasis is on food and experience and flavors—pungent, sour, sweet, and spicy—rather than appealing to mass market tastes,” said

DINING

Glow Thai [7107 Third Ave. between 71st and 72nd Streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-1920].

Anthony Loupos, who co-owns the business with his wife Suwanna Amatomtri, who serves as chef. “I hope we can continue to find success just by being authentic and by being excited about our food,” he said. “I would never want to compromise and stop doing that.” So far, the plan seems to be working—although standard Thai menu mainstays are the definite best sellers. But harder to come by dishes like larb (minced salad with chicken, pork or beef, onion, scallion, and toasted rice), quid diow street noodles (rice noodles with fish balls, fried garlic and bean sprouts in a musky broth), homemade

pork and rice sausage, and the impossibly fiery—and off the menu—jungle curry aren’t far behind. For Glow’s rapidly growing legion of acolytes, mouth-watering food has become almost secondary to the profound feeling of community Loupos and staff have worked hard to foster. Loupos attributes this to an active use of social media, not just as a tool to promote the business, but as a means to make direct connections within the neighborhood. “A lot of people see social media marketing as boxes to check off—Facebook account? Check. Twitter? Check. But we use it as a way to actively reach out and engage with everyone,” Loupos said. That means blurring the line between Facebook and Epicurious.com. “We share content on how to make pad thai, on how to use Thai ingredients. When someone likes us on



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

My Thai: Glow Thai hostess Joanna Harnmontri show off the Bay Ridge eatery’s very spicy jungle curry.

Facebook, we thank them by name. It’s all very personal,” he said. “And what’s resulted is this following of customers that have become our actual friends.”

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MON, APRIL 9

READING, MARTHA EVERHART BRANIFF: The author reads from “Step Over Rio.” RSVP required. **Free.** 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TUES, APRIL 10

LITTLE LEARNERS CLUB: Story-time, playtime and arts and crafts for children 2 years old and their moms/caregivers. \$125 per month. 9:30–10:45 am. St. Anselm’s Church [365 83rd St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-7643].

SPRING FENCING CAMP: 10 am–3 pm. See Monday, April 9.
DISCOVERY WEEK: Families celebrate spring by investigating fragrant flowers and bursting buds. **Free** with garden admission. 11 am–1 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.
READING, RAJESH PARAMESWARAN: The author discusses “I Am An Executioner: Love Stories.” RSVP required. **Free.** 7–10 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

WED, APRIL 11

DISCOVERY WEEK: 11 am–1 pm. See Tuesday, April 10.
LECTURE, THE PRESIDENCY AND LEADERSHIP: Expert on US Policy Frank Sorentino leads discussion. **Free.** 12:30–1:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

LECTURE, JENNIFER WING-ATE: American Studies director leads discussion on Teaching American Studies Through the Lens of Commemorative Practices. **Free.** 4–5:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS: Learn the one, two, three, dip from instructor Carmine Santa Maria. Presented by the Federation of Italian Organizations of Brooklyn. **Free.** 6 pm. Seth Low Intermediate IS 96 [99 Ave. P, between W. 12 and W. 13th streets in Gravesend, (718) 232-2266].
“DUST TO DUST,” A MEMOIR BY BENJAMIN BUSCH: Actor, director, and Pushcart Prize nominee Benjamin Busch discusses his memoir about his childhood as the son of celebrated novelist Frederick Busch up to his time spent serving as a U.S. Marine. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THURS, APRIL 12

DISCOVERY WEEK: 11 am–1 pm. See Tuesday, April 10.
CAROUSEL: The iconic ride is open for rides for the whole family. \$2 per ride. Noon–5

pm. Prospect Park Children’s Corner [Enter at Flatbush Ave. and Ocean Avenue in Park Slope], www.prospect-park.org/calendar.

WORKSHOP, CROCHET: Adults meet every week and work on their projects. 2 pm. Midwood Public Library [975 E. 16th St. between Avenues J and I in Midwood, (718) 252-0967], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WORKSHOP, COMPOST FOR BROOKLYN! 3–5 pm. See Sunday, April 8.

POETRY WORKSHOP: For teens. **Free.** 4 pm. New Utrecht Public Library [1743 86th St. between Bay 16th and Bay 17th streets in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-4076], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

SOLAR PANEL WORKSHOP: Rooftop Solar Clinic. \$35. 6:30 pm. The Commons [388 Atlantic Ave. between Hoyt Street and Bond Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 689-3908], www.thecommonsbrooklyn.org.

READING, NICK DYBEK: Author of “When Captain Flint Was Still a Good Man,” in conversation with Rachel Syme. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

CONCERT, CHICKFACOR POP CONCERT: Chickfactor 2012: For the Love of Pop, featuring Stevie Jackson of Belle & Sebastian, Honey Bunch, The Pines, The Softies, and more! \$25. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

FRI, APRIL 13

DISCOVERY WEEK: 11 am–1 pm. See Tuesday, April 10.

CAROUSEL: Noon–5 pm. See Thursday, April 12.

WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: 4 pm. See Friday, April 6.

FLAMENCO IN THE BOROS: Flamenco performed by Vivo Carola Santana. RSVP required. **Free.** 7 pm. St. Joseph’s College [245 Clinton Ave. at DeKalb Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 940-5300].

CONCERT, ROCK AND SOUL CONCERT: Featuring The Liza Colby Sound, Muck & the Mires, Party Lights, and a DJ set by DJ Tony Lofi. \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

THEATER, NIGHT OF SKETCH COMEDY: Explores the idea that American men are in the midst of a transition. As told by female comedy writers. \$20. 8 pm. South Oxford Space [138 S. Oxford St. in Fort Greene, (646) 281-0652].

CONCERT, BENEFIT CONCERT: Still better than the Beatles: A tribute to The Shaggs. A Benefit For The Fremont, New Hampshire Town Hall Historical Society. \$15. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

SAT, APRIL 14

PERFORMANCE

CONCERT, AMY RAY CONCERT: Featuring Kaia Wilson. \$15. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

MUSIC, SYMPHONIC CONCERT: The Susan E. Wagner High School band performs. **Free.** 7:30 pm. The New Utrecht Reformed Church [18th Ave. at 84th Street in Bensonhurst, (718)

256-7173].

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, April 7.

SALES/MARKETS, FLEA MARKET: Refreshments, clothing, and family commodities. **Free.** 9 am–4 pm. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit [8117 Bay Pkwy. at 82nd Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 837-0412].

GREENCYCLE SWAP: One man’s trash is another’s treasure. Bring cleaned gently used and working items. \$5. 1–4 pm. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church [334 S. 5th St. between Rodney and Keep streets in Williamsburg, (347) 559-1410].

OTHER

READING, BEAT GENERATION COFFEE HOUSE: A poetry reading series. **Free.** Williamsburg Art & Historical Center [135 Broadway at S. Sixth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 486-6012], www.wahcenter.net.

FOOD AND TRAVEL EXPO: Local day trips; food samples, wine and cheese tastings, eco travel workshops, food demos and more. \$13 (Children under 10 free). Noon–5 pm. Skylight One Hanson (1 Hanson Pl. [Williamsburg Savings Bank Tower] in Downtown), www.escapemaker.com.

CAROUSEL: Noon–5 pm. See Thursday, April 12.

ELIZABETH MITCHELL: A warm, family style hootenanny that gets everyone out of their seat. **Free.** 1 pm. Brooklyn Public Library’s Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

YOGA: 3:45 pm. See Saturday, April 7.

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Sci-fi’s new hope

Greenpointers embark on heroic mission

By Kate Briquelet
The Brooklyn Paper

It is the year 2012 — and pulpy science fiction is vanishing from the galaxy. Can these earthlings from Brooklyn stop the tides of fate and rescue scores of forgotten paperbacks?

Greenpoint couple Ash Kalb and Cici James are on a mission to save the science fiction of the 1960s and ’70s by scanning the books and putting them online page by page.

“This isn’t just about great books,” said Kalb, a tech lawyer who founded the project, Singularity & Co. with his actress fiancée. “Nobody in the future will know if they’re any good or bad unless we scan them.”

The lovebirds acquired 2,000 weird tomes and plan to open a Sci-Fi print bookstore in DUMBO this spring — a space that will double as an office for their day jobs.

Their first selection is Terence Haile’s 1962 novel “Space Train,” a hilariously campy read about giant space crabs,



Research space: Greenpoint lovebirds Ash Kalb and Cici James are on a mission to save pulp science fiction from going extinct — by uploading the books online page by page.

suggested by renowned author Neil Gaiman himself.

But before they can put the book online, they must rove the planet in search of copyrights.

Kalb is on a hunt for the children of the siblings of the now-deceased Haile to get permission to put the book online.

Bud Webster, a liaison for the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, said tracking down estates could be very difficult since people have little to go on except obituaries that mention family members.

“Some authors may never go out of print,” Webster said, referring to Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, whose estates are handled by agents. “But others seem to sink further and further into unfair obscurity every year.”

What will happen Michael Moorcock’s “The Winds of Limbo” (*Was the Fireclown a power-mad charlatan — or the last hope of Earth?*) or Jerry Sohl’s “The Altered Ego” (*He was offered eternal life — The price, a living death!*)?

Singularity & Co. plans to issue a new e-Book each month for little or no cost and will include a page outlining what was learned about the by-gone author along the way.

“This is a detective project,” Kalb said. “If we don’t do it, they’ll be gone forever.”

For info on this heroic project, visit singularityand.co.

Brain dance

Ballet explores neuroscience

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

This ballet has brains and brawn. Visual art and dance will collide in Williamsburg next weekend at the debut of choreographer Julia Gleich’s new ballet “The Brodmann Areas” at the Center for Performance Research.

The production, which came together in only three weeks and runs from April 12 to April 15, features six dancers interpreting how different regions of the brain, called the Brodmann areas, affect how the body moves.

“Each dance will be built around an idea that may have something to do with the Brodmann Areas and we’re going to use that as an idea to investigate how the body can work within the dance context — and we’re going to put that into art,” said Gleich.

Gleich and her collaborators, including Bushwick artists Paul D’Agostino,

Audra and Margo Wolowicz, and gallery director Jason Andrew, brainstormed choreography that reflects how thoughts and emotions mix, including a duet with a male dancer playing the brain’s gray matter and a female dancer as its white matter, and a solo piece where a performer acts out the digits of Pi to 170 decimal places.

“What I found is that as I choreographed Pi, my dancer can recite every digit and she’s remembering it as a movement,” said Gleich.

The ballet will also feature D’Agostino’s black and white images projected onto a wall adjacent to the dancers, the Wolowiczs’ sound and video creations, as well as props like oranges, ladders, and chalkboards — though Gleich hasn’t figured out exactly how she’ll put everything together.

Andrew, who is producing the show, said bringing artists of different media together for a dance performance is its own success, and if the performance is anything like Andrew and Gleich’s well-reviewed



Mind teaser: Ballet dancer Abby Roesner gets bent into shape for her show.

production last year, then audiences can expect something special.

“We’ll be ready to go on April 12 with something spectacular and surprising,” he said. “You can’t go wrong with so many brilliant artists working together.”

“The Brodmann Areas: A New Ballet from Norte Maar” at Center for Performance Research [361 Manhattan Ave. between Jackson Street and Withers Street, Williamsburg (646) 361–8512], April 12–14, 7:30 pm. April 15, 2 pm. Tickets \$25, \$20 for seniors and students. Visit www.nortemaar.org.

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PARENT

Having that Seder — or not?

My teenage daughters are in a phase of life where their own interests and friends seem most important at almost every moment, where they would rather spend free time catching up on the latest episode of “House” or “Glee” than with me.

And that can become a real problems this spring holiday season.

Passover begins this Friday evening and I have planned a Seder with my family and friends, as I have for all the years I’ve lived in Brooklyn.

When my daughters were little, they would always help with the cooking, polish-

ing the silverware, and setting the table before the big event, but now it’s hard to drag them away from their devices long enough to help with preparations and I wonder if the reward is still worth the effort.

It got me thinking as to why I even do it. Is it worth all the cooking and cleaning, moving furniture, and pulling out the folding table and chairs to squeeze bodies into our small dining room? What do we all gain from this?

I guess the answer is tra-



The Dad

By Scott Sager

dition. Our Seder is a tradition I created through repetition, making sure that year after year the same people showed up for the same meal, with everyone sitting at the same seats.

Our Seder, hopefully, makes my girls feel connected to their religion and feel part of a community. This custom reflects my values,

that we are a Jewish family, that we celebrate freedom and liberty. Our annual ritual communicates a certain continuity and predictability to the year.

But does that make it the right thing to do?

There are bad traditions, for sure. After my parents divorced, my mother insisted on continuing to observe New Year’s Eve even though she was always very sad at that time of year, making the evening a real downer for me and my sister. I was certainly relieved to get out of that as soon as I could and it took many years before I found new customs to share with my children.

And there are other routines that lack some sort of the meaning that gives them the status of traditions. For many years we went to Coney Island right after school ended with the same group of friends, and we spent Memorial Day with grandparents in New Hampshire. But when schedules became too full or better offers came along, these habits fell by the wayside, without a real sense of loss.

A good tradition is a touchstone, both a place to return to and a way to get there. My 17-year-old only has one more Seder before she is at college and may be unable to join us. My 14-year-

old isn’t too many years behind. But my girls can return in some way when they have their own homes and families, using their Seders to reconnect with something bigger than themselves — family, community, religion, things I hold dear.

Of course the real key to a good tradition is fun, so ours includes whacking each other with scallions, improvisational dances, some piano playing and the usual good food and festive beverages. Hopefully the evening builds good memories along with something more, a deeper meaning.

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More than 1,000 members currently clamor for the 30 or so seats available at each Bite Club event, which are announced via newsletter and — before PayPal exploded the process — reserved through a surreptitious money drop at one of three secured locations throughout the city.

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Just make sure to BYOB: NY Bite Club nixed wine ser-

vice years ago to avoid further legal complications.

The cash also procures a spot in a rather unique social experiment, which Daniel and Alicia orchestrate through use of communal tables and carefully crafted seating charts that mix and match members from all walks of life.

“When we first started out, everyone was either an artist or investment banker, but once we started to get press, our membership profile got very broad,” Daniel said. “One week, there’d be a group of French tourists, then, older Indian couples

in their 60s. They told us their spiritual advisor said it would help their marriage if they came.”

So diners willing to skirt city laws for a gourmet meal should show up hungry and be ready for anything (that’s the fourth rule of NY Bite Club).

“We’ve had everyone from models to chefs, to guys that run the NASDAQ, but it’s not at all pretentious,” he added. “It’s about giving yourself over to the food and experience, no matter who you are.”

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CART...

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a spot taken away from him after someone quietly placed two benches atop his normal hangout under the cover of darkness, when several merchants, including Lone Star Bar owner Tony Gentile — a longtime critic of Kassen’s cart — created a human barricade, preventing him from backing in.

Kassen moved aside several newspaper boxes — a Bay Ridge Courier bin among them — and was maneuvering into the spot he made for himself when he reportedly backed into Gentile.

Imam Hassanain, who works at the Halal Express Food stand across the street, said he saw Gentile fall.

“A guy was blocking him saying ‘you can’t come in here,’ then he brought the cart in and knocked the guy down,” Hassanain remembered.

An FDNY spokesman said an ambulance brought someone suffering from arm and leg injuries from 86th Street and

Fifth Avenue to Lutheran Medical Center at 4:35 pm. Cops from the 68th Precinct also responded to a verbal altercation and assault, but no arrests were made.

Gentile declined to comment for this story.

Kassen said the merchants didn’t want him setting up shop near the corner.

“They were saying, ‘Hey, you can’t come in here.’ We said, ‘We just want to do business,’” Kassen said. “We got out and we argued, and there was a crowd blooming around us.”

A police source said that Middle Eastern’s permits are in order, so, if any charges were filed, Gentile would have been taken away in handcuffs since he was preventing a permitted merchant from doing business on a city sidewalk.

Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) — who is not related to the bar owner — was getting a haircut at a nearby barbershop when the conflict broke out, and tried to mediate the dis-

pute, according to spokesman Justin Brannan.

“He just tried to cool things down, until cooler heads could prevail,” Brannan said. “The whole situation needs to be worked out by the business improvement district.”

Fifth Avenue merchants have been complaining about the Middle Eastern Halal Cart for months, claiming that the gyro seller pollutes the sidewalk, attracts rowdy drunks, and gets off without paying the same steep rents as brick-and-mortar restaurants.

In fact, Gentile was hoping to uproot the food cart by installing flower beds on its

prime piece of sidewalk real estate when the benches mysteriously popped up sometime after 4 am — after Kassen closed up shop for the night.

Kassen said that Middle Eastern wants to return to the spot it occupied prior to the benches’ enigmatic appearance, and that the business has been in touch with attorneys and city agencies about getting the new street seats unbolted from the pavement.

“We called 311, we called the Department of Transportation, and they all said the same thing — these benches are illegal and they’re looking into it,” Kassen said.

BUBBLE...

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bubbles could become a public health risk by churning organic waste to the surface.

“[It’s a] very narrow solution to a very big problem that’s just addressing current standards for dissolved oxygen,” said Phil Musegaas, lead investigator of Riverkeeper, an environmental watchdog group that wrote a scathing letter to the city earlier this month. “It’s not improving ecology of the creek at all.”

A city spokesman said the bubble plan would not pollute the air or put nearby businesses and residents at risk, citing a 2007 study indicating that air emissions at sewage plants do not cause health problems for workers

“For the past 75 years, our wastewater treatment plants have been aerating raw sewage at significantly higher levels than what is performed at Newtown Creek,” said Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Corey Chambliss. “We’ve had no documented health issues from employees working at these sites.”

But Musegaas says the city’s data is moot because it is limited to highly regulated plant facilities — not the great outdoors.

“If you install an aeration system in Newtown Creek it’s not in a controlled area, it’s in a public waterway used by recreational kayakers and tug boat operators,” said Musegaas, who points to a separate study show-

ing that pathogenic bacteria and endotoxins can become airborne when bubbles rise through the water. “It’s a very different scenario.”

The city will need state approval before it installs the air pipe, which is part of an agreement with the state to improve water quality and reduce sewage overflow on Newtown Creek by 2017.

Workers already installed a pilot version of the aeration pipes and blower buildings two years ago at the end of Newtown Creek in English Kills near several sewer drains and the Metropolitan Bridge, but officials hope to expand the system across the entire creek by 2015.

Environmentalists, who regularly test the coffee-colored creek for bacteria levels, claim the strong sewage scent that arises from the bubbling made them sick. Musegaas wants the Department of Environmental Protection to launch its own study of aeration on the creek before going forward with its plan.

Greenpoint resident Laura Hofmann questioned the city’s commitment to actually cleaning the waterway when gallons of stormwater and human waste continue to drain into the creek after rains.

“What good is having a bubble system in the river if they’re going to continue to pour raw sewage into it?” she said. “And if you have a power outage, any fish in that end of the creek will die right away.”

TAXES...

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tant, who is married but not gay, took seminars specializing in same-sex tax filings — which he claims can become too complicated for tax software programs to handle.

His rates range from \$50–\$1,000 depending on the complexity and amount

of paperwork, and the end goal is to save gay folks some cash.

That pleases Fisher, who says it’s all about equality.

“There are benefits to getting married — and the point is that it should be fair across the whole country,” she said.

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Majority of McGuinness Boulevard drivers are breaking traffic laws

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Drivers on McGuinness Boulevard are speed demons.

Two-thirds of cars and trucks exceed the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit on the dangerous four-lane Greenpoint thoroughfare, a study released last week reveals.

Volunteers with cycling advocates Transportation Alternatives and Williamsburg activists Neighbors Allied for Good Growth used a radar gun during four non-rush hour periods between Feb. 28 and March 8 and observed automobiles racing past at speeds as high as 50 miles per hour — a full 20 miles per hour above the limit.

Many motorists weren't even close to the speed limit — one third of cars and trucks broke the speed limit by five miles per hour or more, the



Community Newspaper Group / Aaron Short

A study found that two-thirds of vehicles on McGuinness Boulevard regularly break the speed limit.

stats show.

Bike boosters say the numbers prove that something must be done to tame

the roadway, which was the site of 13 crashes between motorists and cyclists, and 44 crashes between driv-

ers and pedestrians, from 2005 to 2009, according to state data.

"These findings provide clear evidence that drivers continue to blatantly disregard the law on McGuinness Boulevard and endanger local residents," said Transportation Alternatives director Paul Steely White.

And with research indicating that pedestrians are 50 percent more likely to die in crashes involving vehicles going 40 miles per hour compared to cars traveling at the city's speed limit, traffic safety advocates are demanding police action.

"The NYPD must step up enforcement of speeding, and until they do, everyone will be risking their lives any time they're near this dangerous road," said White.

Cops say they are enforcing traffic laws on the truck route, particularly at the intersection of McGuinness Boulevard and Engert Street, where they claim they have ticketed drivers making illegal right turns.

But unseasonably warm weather has worked against them, said 94th Precinct Deputy Inspector Terence Hurson, whose officers responded to three bicycle accidents in Greenpoint over

the past month.

"The nicer weather has hurt us more than it helps us," said Hurson, who claims his precinct was one of the top patrols in the city in enforcing speeding violations. "Usually in bad weather we have fewer accidents because there are fewer people driving and cycling."

Cyclists remain wary of the boulevard, which serves as a conduit for local traffic as well as commercial rigs, commuters, and bike riders moving between Brooklyn and Queens.

"The design of the street, combined with signal timing that encourages the free flow of traffic, means that drivers of large vehicles can speed with impunity," said Greenpoint resident Summer Greenstein.

Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg) — who is pushing the NYPD to improve its crash investigations — says speeding on McGuinness Boulevard can be stopped with enforcement.

"We have to get speeding under control for the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and other drivers," said Levin. "We have to vigorously enforce speed laws in New York."

Reprieve for karaoke club

Crown KTV keeps license

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

The State Liquor Authority gave an embattled 64th Street karaoke club accused of allowing underage drinking and drug use a chance to clean up its act — but that second chance came at a steep price.

The agency was poised to pull Crown KTV's liquor license, but, after meeting with pleading club representatives last Tuesday, said the violence-scarred nightspot could continue to sell booze — as long as they pay a whopping \$30,000 in violations.

The new fines will be in addition to the \$7,000 in penalties the business racked up earlier this month, agency spokesman Bill Crowley said.

Crown KTV owners have just 20 business days to cough up the dough or the Authority will cancel its license. The State Liquor Authority will also keep a close eye on the karaoke club for the foreseeable future, Crowley explained.

"The board chairman was very clear at the meeting that if there were any more violations in the next year, their license will be revoked," said Crowley.

Five people were stabbed outside the club between Eighth and Ninth avenues last summer after a fight inside spilled out onto the street. The bar has also come under fire for allowing teenage drinking and drug use.

The Zheng family, which owns Crown KTV, declined to comment on the state's decision, but Crown KTV's attorney Paul Ascher said his clients were ecstatic over the reprieve — despite the \$37,000 in fines now hanging over their heads.

"We are delighted with the decision of the State Liquor Authority to allow us to remain in business," said Ascher. "We intend to fully cooperate with the community board and with the community and continue to be a valuable member of the community."

Community Board 10, which represents Bay Ridge, voted unanimously to oppose the renewal of the night spot's liquor license, though the board's role is only advisory. CB10 Police and Public Safety Chairman George Fontas cited a history of "criminal activities on the premises" as a reason for the board's decision.

But Crown KTV manager Eric Zheng defended the bar



File photo by Dan MacLeod

Crown KTV manager Eric Zheng said last summer's bloody fight outside the club wasn't his fault.

last summer, claiming that drugs — especially cocaine — aren't popular with his clientele, which is almost exclusively Chinese.

"I've never heard of any Asians around this area that do cocaine," he said. "If they have something illegal, we throw them out."

Still, Zheng confessed that the club's security could have done more to prevent last summer's stabbing.

"We probably could have done better," Zheng said. "By the time we got out there, the fight was over."

BIKE...

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scope" of the Grand Army Plaza rehab.

The bike lane lawsuit crashed eight months ago, and bike boosters are ecstatic now that the two-way lane is back on the table, saying it will safely link the Prospect Park West route with other lanes in Prospect Heights and Park Slope — making the streets safer for everyone.

"There's a sense that [the city] held back on the project because of the lawsuit — but I'm glad they're doing it now," said cycling advocate Eric McClure. "There are safety concerns without it."

Indeed, cyclists heading north from the Prospect Park West lane often end up riding illegally riding against traffic on Plaza Street West. It's especially problematic for bikers riding toward the Fifth Avenue lane in Park Slope or the Smith Street lane in Cobble Hill.

Bike advocates say the city

will unveil proposals for a two-way lane that is not separated from traffic and a two-way lane that is shielded from cars at the Community Board 6 meeting.

The plan is popular among cyclists, but its predecessor faced some opposition from neighbors and motorists.

Residents of Plaza Street West wrote letters to city officials protesting the connector lane last year, saying it would taint the tree-lined street and make it difficult for drivers to maneuver around double-parked cars.

A spokesman for the Department of Transportation, Seth Solomonow, declined to discuss details of the new proposal with The Brooklyn Paper, saying only, "Nice try."

Neighbors are looking forward to finding out more, too.

"I'd like a safe two-way lane," said Plaza Street West resident Robert Minsky. "It's just so necessary."

NOISE...

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to a location surrounded by industrial and commercial zoning," said Thayer, who says the new venue will give music lovers rare access to open space promised to North Brooklyn after the controversial 2005 rezoning. "Our mission is to improve and create parks and public recreation, and this is the perfect opportunity to do so."

The orientation of the 60-foot stage should prevent noise from reflecting off several metal warehouses on Kent and back into the venue, according to an architect — but some residents fear noise will blast into a neighborhood that's home to 1,655 residents in a 15-block area near the site, according to 2010 Census data.

"No matter what they try to do, they're trying to compress a large stadium venue into an open air space," said Williamsburg resident Susan Fensten.

But many Northside business owners, including Brooklyn Bowl, the Two Trees-owned Wythe Hotel, and the Brooklyn Brewery, whose owner, Steve Hindy, is on the Open Space Alliance board, support the new venue.

"It's on our doorstep, it's great!" said Wythe Hotel manager Peter Lawrence, who hopes his hotel will open this summer. "Quite a few rooms have a great view of the activities of the concerts, and I'm sure people will be up on our roof deck when the concerts are on."

Thayer said 40 volunteers will sweep up any litter in the streets surrounding the concert after each show and promised to be sensitive to all her new neighbors' concerns.

"The point is that it's not going to be an asphalt, chain-linked lot," said Thayer. "It's not just concert venue. Our main purpose is to create parkland."

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To the above named Defendant, this Summons is served upon you by publication by Order of Hon. Thomas D. Raffaele, a justice of this court, granted on March 15, 2012. The nature of the ancillary relief demanded is: The Plaintiff may resume use of her maiden name, Raychelle Wilson, or any other former surname. The Family Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court with respect to any future issues of maintenance and support. The provisions of DRL Section 236 Part B Section 2, (Automatic Orders Notice) and DRL Section 255 (Health Insurance Notice) shall apply. The Court may grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and proper. The relief sought is a Judgment of Divorce

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 56971/2011 Date Summons Filed: 12/29/2011 Plaintiff designates: KINGS County as the place of trial. The place of the venue is: CPLR 509 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE LI XIA WU, Plaintiff -against- LI GEN LIU, Defendant ACTION FOR A DIVORCE To the above named Defendant YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 03/28/2012, bearing Index Number NC-000316-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Merrill (Middle) Stubbs (Last) Dorman. My present name is (First) Amanda (Middle) Merrill (Last) Stubbs. My present address is 305 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215-. My place of birth is Greenwich, CT. My date of birth is October 18, 1976.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 03/27/2012, bearing Index Number NC-000313-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Ahnieff (Middle) Maldoone (Last) Bruce. My present name is (First) Peter (Last) Bruce AKA Ahnieff (Last) Bruce. My present address is 284 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212. My place of birth is Brooklyn, New York. My date of birth is May 04, 1993.

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ness or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action. (4) Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect. (5) Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect. NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (Required by section 255 (1) of the Domestic Relations Law) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or not continue to be eligible for the coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

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ADOPTION OF BABY BOY CANTEY IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Adoption of: BABY BOY CANTEY Case No. 12AD13 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION THE STATE OF KANSAS TO: The natural father of Baby Boy Cantey, John Doe and all other persons who are or may be concerned: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the above Court praying for a Journal Entry and Order terminating the parental rights of the natural parents of Baby Boy Cantey, a minor, and permitting his adoption and that the Court has ordered that the final hearing on said Petition be held on April 16, 2012, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. Now, therefore, you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 16, 2012, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., of said date, in said Court, at which time and place said cause will be heard. The Court's address is: Leavenworth County Justice Center, 601 South 3rd Street, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. Should you fail therein, Judgment and Decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Witness my hand in the City of Leavenworth, County of Leavenworth, State of Kansas, this 14th day of March, 2012. SUBMITTED BY: MICHAEL J. BELFONTE, P.C. MICHAEL J. BELFONTE KS SUPREME COURT #14043 1125 GRAND BLVD., SUITE 1301 KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 (816) 842-3580

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MADISON REALTY CAPITAL, L.P., Plaintiff against BROKEN ANGEL, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 10, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on the 19th day of April, 2012 at 2:30 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Downing Street, distant 167 feet 5 inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Downing Street with the northerly side of Gates Avenue; being a plot 101 feet 1 inch by 19 feet by 1 foot 1 inch by 40 feet by 100 feet by 59 feet. Block: 1969 Lots: 79 & 81 Said premises known as 4 & 8 DOWNING STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 2,663,375.84 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 28044/09. FRANK COMPOSTO, ESQ., Referee. KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017 The above sale, originally scheduled for March 29th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. has been postponed. The new sale date is April 19th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m at the same place. FRANK COMPOSTO, ESQ., REFEREE.

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
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